

REVIEW SHEET

B-4244

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: 677 WASHINGTON BLVD., BALTIMORE, MARYLAND Project No.: _____

Historic District: RIDGELY'S DELIGHT
11-15-88 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State
11-15-88 date complete information received by State _____
_____ date of this transmittal to NPS _____
Inspection of property by State staff? ☒ no ☐ yes date(s): _____

☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.
☐ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

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This property involves:

<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric	<input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s)
<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved property
<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing	<input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
_____ for district	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request
_____ for individual property	
<input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old	

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

- (1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as 19TH
- (2) The property ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:
 ☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials ☒ workmanship ☐ feeling ☐ association
 _____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.
- (3) For properties less than 50 years old:
 _____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.
 _____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.
 _____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.
- (4) For preliminary determinations:
 A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:
 _____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)
 _____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____.
 _____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.
 _____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.
 _____ Other, explain: _____
- B. Evaluation of the property:
 _____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation
 _____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register
 Criteria for Evaluation: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
 Criteria Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
- (5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:
 _____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.
 _____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

NUMBER 3 Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT CIRCA 1850, THIS THREE-STORY BRICK ROWHOUSE IS OF THE ITALIANATE STYLE. THE HOUSE, AS A WHOLE, HAS SURVIVED WITH MOST OF ITS HISTORIC FEATURES INTACT. THE ONLY MAJOR CHANGE OCCURRED AT THE FIRST FLOOR FACADE WHICH WAS CONVERTED TO A STOREFRONT AT AN UNKNOWN DATE. THE INTERIOR, FIRST FLOOR FRONT PARLORS WERE COMBINED TO CREATE THE COMMERCIAL SPACE, WHILE THE STAIRHALL AND ELL SECTION WERE KEPT VIRTUALLY INTACT. THE ONLY OTHER MAJOR CHANGE OCCURRED WHEN A TWO-STORY, WOOD FRAME ADDITION WAS CONSTRUCTED AT THE REAR OF THE ELL (DATE UNKNOWN). THIS ADDITION HAS DETERIORATED BEYOND REPAIR. THE UPPER FLOORS RETAIN VIRTUALLY ALL HISTORIC DETAILING.

NUMBER 4 State Official Recommendation:

- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY,
 a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
 - ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
 - ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
 - ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
 - ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
 - ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
 - ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

12-21-88
Date


State Official Signature

☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

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NRIS No:

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Project No:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: 677 Washington Blvd.
Address of property: Street 677 Washington Blvd.
City Baltimore County _____ State MD Zip 21230
Name of historic district: Ridgely's Delight Historic District
☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Richard Peters, The French Company, Inc.
Street 429 N. Eutaw St. Suite 101 City Baltimore
State MD Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 332-8400

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

South Paca Street Partnership Way T. French 10-28-88
Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____
Organization c/o The French Company, Inc. Gen. Partner
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 52-1488349
Street 429 N. Eutaw St. Suite 101 City Baltimore
State MD Zip 21201 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 332-8400

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date _____ National Park Service Authorized Signature _____ National Park Service Office/Telephone No: _____

☐ See Attachments

677 Washington Blvd.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1

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Property Name

677 Washington Blvd. Balt. MD 21230

Project Number:

Property Address

5. Description of physical appearance:

This three-story brick rowhouse is two window bays wide, has 1/1 original wood double-hung wood windows in bullnose frames on the two upper floors, and a storefront facade on the ground floor. There is a vestibule with two wood and glass panelled front doors which provide separate entrances for the ground floor, and for the apartment on the upper two floors. There are jack arches above each window. The house has a gabled roof with the ridge running parallel to the street over its main section, and a West to East sloping roof over the ell. The bracketed cornice and the smaller cornice over the storefront are similar to those found on its neighbors to the East.

Date of Construction: c. 1850 Source of Date: _____Date(s) of Alteration(s): unknownHas building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when? _____

6. Statement of significance:

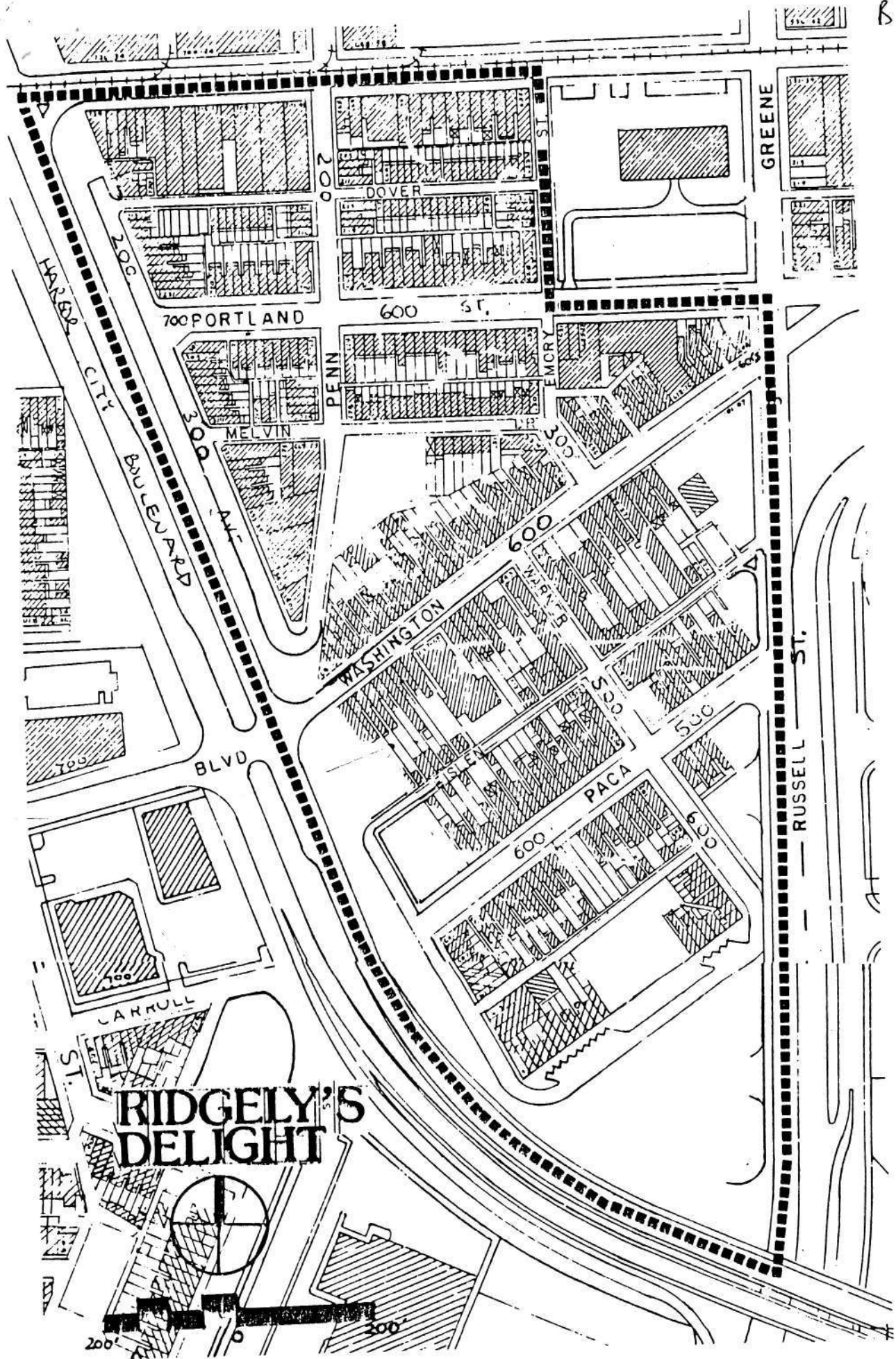
The neighborhood of Ridgely's Delight reflects the diverse character of the surrounding 19th Century historic workplaces. It was inhabited by a mix of socio-economic groups from the wealthier doctors who worked at the University of Maryland Hospital to the North, to the blue-collar workers from the B&O railroad and the neighboring brickyards. The architecture which resulted from this mix includes large homes with detailed facades as well as the smaller, unadorned houses of the working class. Most of the houses in Ridgely's Delight are variations of the Baltimore rowhouse design.

The houses on the western end of Washington Blvd. were typically occupied by the wealthier, better educated people. The houses tend to be larger than the houses found on neighboring streets. Some of the houses on the south side of Washington Blvd. (including 677 Washington Blvd.) incorporated storefronts for commercial uses. The 3-story brick house at 677 Washington Blvd. is an integral part of the streetscape. It shares the same architectural features as its neighbors including a bracketed cornice, a first floor cornice, wood 1/1 double hung windows in bullnose frames with wide wood sills, and a transom arrangement over the doors. The window bay spacing is identical to the three houses of similar size located two doors to the east.

7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☐ yes ☒ no



RIDGELY'S DELIGHT

RIDGELY'S DELIGHT BALTIMORE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT 10/19/79
 RIDGELY'S DELIGHT NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT 6/6/80

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677 Washington Blvd.
Baltimore -- 7/88
Before Rehabilitation

1. Front facade



2. Front facade in its streetscape context.

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677 Washington Boulevard
Block 0854 Lot 033
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad

